

Dirty Church 2.0
The Church Becoming...
BELIEVE
Mark 2:1-5 and Luke 18

F.A.L.L.

Forget yesterday.

Ask God to work.

Lease some margin.

Live intentionally.

'The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because he loves us.'
C.S. Lewis

Behave - Believe - Belong

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****The traditional church often expects people to clean up their lives before coming to church.**

****Jesus called himself a friend of sinners and each of us fall into that category.**

****He never expected us to clean up before meeting him.**

****He accepts each of us exactly the way we are and loves us so much - he won't let us stay that way.**

****He wants us to believe...**

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:1-5

Son: close friend - chosen family.

Sins: any thought, action or attitude that separates us from God.

Faith: confidence and assurance about the unseen.

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

2 This is what the ancients were commended for.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

4 By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. Hebrews 11:1-4

Introduce Prayer Time

Music

Sermon Part 2

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9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed:

*‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’
13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’
14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” Luke 18:9-14*

Forgiveness is not

Being Good does not = **Forgiveness**

‘confident of their own righteousness’ (vs. 9)

Being Smart does not = **Forgiveness**

“looked down on everyone else’ (vs. 9)

Being in the Right Place does not = **Forgiveness**

“Two men went to the temple to pray” (vs. 10)

****Salvation through Jesus = Forgiveness**

“For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” (vs. 14)

Belong, Believe, Behave

— The dirty church is come as you are.
The dirty church allows the rough end to drag.

**Jesus loves you and I love you.
You belong here and So do your friends.

I can’t wait to meet them.